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# S. 1381

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2017

Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1     **SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES FOR THE UNITED STATES SPE-**  
2                 **CIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FOR DEVELOP-**  
3                 **MENT, ACQUISITION, AND SUSTAINMENT OF**  
4                 **SPECIAL OPERATIONS-PECULIAR TECH-**  
5                 **NOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES.**

6     (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
7 gress that—

8                 (1) the Secretary of Defense should extend to  
9 the Commander of the United States Special Oper-  
10 ations Command (USSOCOM) and the acquisition  
11 executive of the Command authorities for the devel-  
12 opment, acquisition, and sustainment of special op-  
13 erations-peculiar technology, equipment, and services  
14 that are equivalent to the authorities of the Secre-  
15 taries of the military departments and the acquisi-  
16 tion executives of the military departments for the  
17 development, acquisition, and sustainment of tech-  
18 nology, equipment, and services for the military de-  
19 partments; and

20                 (2) the United States Special Operations Com-  
21 mand should use any authorities extended as de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (1), and any other appropriate  
23 authorities and mechanisms, to achieve the rapid re-  
24 search and development, prototyping, and fielding of  
25 technology, equipment, and services that are critical

1       to ensure the success of the Command in carrying  
2       out its missions.

3           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
4       of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
5       to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
6       the House of Representatives a report setting forth the  
7       following:

8               (1) An identification of the authorities the Sec-  
9       retary recommends for provision to the Commander  
10       of the United States Special Operations Command  
11       and the acquisition executive of the Command as de-  
12       scribed in subsection (a), and recommendations for  
13       any modifications of such authorities that the Sec-  
14       retary considers appropriate for purposes of the  
15       Command.

16               (2) Such recommendations for legislative or ad-  
17       ministrative action as the Secretary considers appro-  
18       priate for the provision of authorities identified pur-  
19       suant to paragraph (1) as described in subsection  
20       (a).

21               (3) Such other matters as the Secretary con-  
22       siders appropriate.

